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REFS: A) KUALA LUMPUR 5181, B) STATE 183962

- 1. MINISTER OF FINANCE RAZALEIGH, DURING CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AT AIRPORT, MENTIONED THAT ROMULO MAY SHORTLY PROPOSE A SECOND US-ASEAN MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18 OR 19; THIS TIME AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. WHEN QUESTIONED, HE SAID THE HOPE WOULD BE TO MEET WITH BLUMENTHAL AND COOPER.
- 2. WE ASSUME IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR U.S. TO ATTEND TWO MEETINGS SO CLOSE TOGETHER. REF B IMPLIES THAT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER WILL BE AT THE MANILA MEETING SEPT. 7-9. IF THIS CAN NOW BE CONFIRMED, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY SO TO OUR CONTACTS HERE, AND WE ASSUME EMBASSY MANILA WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO DO SO TOO, IN ORDER TO NIP IN THE BUD THE IDEA CONFIDENTIAL

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OF A SECOND, MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION RAZALEIGH TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT IF COOPER ATTENDS SEPTEMBER 7-9 MEETING IN MANILA, MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSA HITAM AND MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY HAMZAH WOULD ATTEND FROM HERE AND INDONESIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE RADIUS PRAWIOR WOULD ATTEND FROM JAKARTA. PLEASE

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